

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 8. This sheet, which includes FIG. 8, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 8. FIG. 8 has been amended by adding a "Continue" box and moving the flow arrow from box 810 to join the flow arrow from box 814 to the added "Continue" box.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants have studied the office action mailed April 25, 2008, and have made the changes believed appropriate to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The title has been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-9 and 14-39 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 14-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is traversed. Although applicants disagree, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot in this application in view of the cancellation of these claims in this application.

Claims 1-9, 14-22, 27-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Applicant's Prior Art (Fig. 1 and pp 1-3) in view of Garcia US Patent No. 5414826. This rejection is traversed. Although applicants disagree, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is moot in this application in view of the cancellation of these claims in this application.

Although Applicants cancelled claims, Applicants are not conceding in this application that the claims in their pre-amended form are invalid for being unpatentable, as the present claim cancellations are for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in this present application and one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

The Examiner has made various comments concerning the obviousness of certain features of the present inventions. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants have addressed those comments directly hereinabove or the Examiner's comments are deemed moot in view of the above response.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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